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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 February 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

Applicants' election of Group I (claims 1, 2, 4-6) without traverse is acknowledged. Also acknowledged is applicants' response to the "election of species" requirement. Applicants have elected a compound *per se* (as opposed to a composition), and more specifically the compound N⁶-(Arginyl)-Lysine.

Applicants have requested that claim 3 be rejoined with the elected claims. In the event that claim 1 is determined to be allowable, methods of making and using the allowable compound (or composition, as the case may be) will be rejoined for further examination.

Claim 1 is examined in this Office action; claims 2-12 are withdrawn from consideration.

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Figure 1 is objected to. At the bottom of the page, a structure is provided in which the amide hydrogen atom is missing.

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Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- In claim 1, the phrase "the composition" lacks antecedent basis.

- Claim 1 is rendered indefinite as a consequence of the recitation of a "composition" (apart from the matter of antecedent basis). The claim could be interpreted to refer to a composition, such as that recited in claim 6, where a second component is affirmatively recited. Alternatively, the term at issue could be interpreted to refer to a "composition of matter". As it happens, there is no court opinion or statute which prohibits the use of this term in a claim. As a practical matter, however, the term "composition of matter" is never used by organic chemists in cases where the structure of the compound in question has been fully (or even partially) elucidated. The term at issue ("composition of matter") is sometimes used by geologists to refer to a rock of unknown composition, or perhaps the term is used by physicists in a general way. But again, in the context of organic chemistry, the term composition of matter is entirely inappropriate. In any case, claim 1 should be amended to make clear whether a single compound is intended, or a composition, and if a composition is intended, what else can or must be present?

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. §112 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this action.

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Szokan, Gy. (*Biopolymers* 42(3), 305-318, 1997).

Szokan discloses (p. 314, column 1) the compound N⁶-(Arginyl)-Lysine.

Thus, the claim is anticipated.

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Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Finot, Paul Andre
(*Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology* **105**(Nutr. Improv. Food Feed
Proteins), 549-70, 1978)

Finot discloses (page 554) the compound N⁶-(Arginyl)-Lysine.

Thus, the claim is anticipated.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lukton whose telephone number is 571-272-0952. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang, can be reached at (571)272-0562. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.



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